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**Lt. General Joseph F. Carroll**  
**Director, Defense Intelligence Agency**  
**Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Joe:**

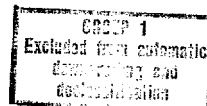
I have gone over your memorandum of 26 February on the subject of DOD participation in the United States Intelligence Board (USIB). It seems to me that your suggestions and comments are well taken.

I am in full agreement with what I understand to be your view that the service intelligence chiefs should retain the right to express divergent or alternative views on USIB documents such as National Intelligence Estimates, Special National Intelligence Estimates and Watch Committee Reports. I think it most important to retain these rights, and as a general rule to have the appropriate service intelligence chief present his views directly to the Board. Additionally, I think these officers should be encouraged to attend USIB meetings as often as they feel interested in doing so.

I feel it also important to insure that appropriate steps be taken to alert all members of USIB to the divergent views of one or more service intelligence chiefs well before draft NIEs and SNIEs reach USIB. For example, service intelligence positions and views should be identified in the DIA contributions to NIEs and SNIEs and representatives of the service intelligence organizations should continue as active participants at the usual interagency sessions at the working level.

I will await your recommendations on DOD representation on the various USIB committees. With the benefit of these views, I will then ask the committee chairmen for their suggestions. I agree that in the meantime the committees should retain their present membership.

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I also agree that the service intelligence chiefs should receive delegated authority to deal with such matters as the sanitization of certain intelligence, an example of which is contained in DCID 6/3. I will instruct the Executive Secretary of the USIB to review with members of your staff any other categories of intelligence which might be subject to the same delegation and to draft appropriate changes in the DCIDs.

I would not propose to make any changes now in the current distribution of USIB documents. On the other hand, I think you will agree that, quite apart from the matter of DOD representation, it would be useful to have each member re-examine the distribution of USIB documents within his own department or agency. I will ask  to request such a review.

I propose to announce these new arrangements at the next meeting of the Board on 4 March. I hope that all the service chiefs will attend that meeting just as they have in the past.

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Attached is a suggested revision of NSCID 1. This can be issued by the Executive Secretary of the NSC after the USIB meeting this week.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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Director

**Attachment**

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